

W. R. POAGE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY

Baylor Collections of Political Materials

Monthly Executive Summary - November 2007

COPA: On Sunday, November 25th, ten members of the Coalition on Political Assassinations drove from Dallas to Waco through bad weather and heavy traffic. This organization meets annually in Dallas in conjunction with the anniversary of the Kennedy assassination. The participants who came to Waco were from England, Australia, Los Angeles, New Jersey, New Orleans, Washington DC and Texas. They spent three hours researching materials in our JFK and Penn Jones collections. They were especially pleased that we are archiving materials related to assassination research. This is the third year that some of them have made the trip to Waco.

JFK Lancer: Ben also met with this JFK research group in Dallas in November and attended their annual awards banquet.

Research:

- ▲ A Baylor graduate student researched the impact of the JFK assassination on the image of Dallas.
- ▲ A Baylor geology professor used the large-format scanner to scan several large maps.
- ▲ A music student used a scanner for an oversized news article.
- ▲ A student at the University of Illinois-UC requested Mondale-Ferraro editorial cartoons.
- ▲ A man from Colorado spent two days researching Penn Jones' service in WWII.
- ▲ Two ladies from Dallas came to look for their father's letters in the Poage papers during WWII.
- ▲ A man in Michigan requested information on a mock Oswald trial video in the papers of Jack White.
- ▲ *Texas Monthly* requested photos and cartoons of Bob Bullock's Raiders in liquor stores.

Accessions:

- Ben and Benna traveled to Buda, Texas to pick up a van load of materials from Leah Tunnell, daughter to Byron Tunnell, former speaker of the Texas House. Another trip is planned for December.
- Ben and John Wilson went to Austin to pick up additional materials from Jack Hightower.
- Doug Weldon in Kalamazoo, Michigan sent the library three Kennedy related DVDs.
- Ben picked up JFK related videos, newsletters and manuscripts from Jack White in Fort Worth.
- Bob Platt in Fort Worth continues to contribute books and political and campaign materials.

HVAC: Rick Goolsby has volunteered to install the HVAC system needed for the book vault. Ben met with a man from Aramark, but no progress seems to be forthcoming in allowing Rick to install the HVAC. Barriers are being thrown up at every opportunity to derail this project. If it can not be done by January 1, this gift will be lost.

Tech News:

- ▲ Bob Platt web site is now up and running:
www3.baylor.edu/Library/BCPM/Platt/index.htm
- ▲ Darryl Stuhr has ordered a 3TB Ethernet Disk RAID server for our library. This will allow our staff & student workers to coordinate their work more efficiently as well as backup digital files.



Exhibits:

- Erin, our museum intern, completed five display areas featuring Penn Jones and JFK., as well as an exhibit for the law school about former Dean, Charles Barrow.
- Christmas ornaments from the U.S. and Texas capitols and White House were added to our glass vault for the holidays.

Cataloging

Special Libraries Cataloging Team: Jennifer Borderund: 2 videocassettes; 1 original cataloging. Janet Pence: Books 100 titles 119 vols. 1 DVD title Original cat. Vertical files 36 titles, 41 vol., 36 bearcat original input.

Personnel

The staff of Poage Library hopes for all a beary Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



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